

FROM: [REDACTED]

TO : Unit Commander

INFO: [REDACTED]

JACKSON PARTICIPATION OPERATION [REDACTED]

1. GENERAL. Despite the only partial completion of the operation, it proved a successful training exercise for JACKSON personnel. In the field, operation was covered adequately by our previous training and only a few minor technique changes are suggested.

2. PREPARATION. Preparation for the flight was adequate and no supply problems were encountered within the immediate JACKSON operation. Pilot preparation and briefing were also satisfactory, resulting in a comfortable flight.

3. OUTBOUND FLIGHT. During the flight it proved difficult to obtain a precise passage over ocean station [REDACTED] and only one [REDACTED] could be picked up with the A.D.F. The result of this was that navigation relied entirely on celestial and finally with Midway radio beacon. Since daybreak arrived while still having nearly 1,000 miles to go, it became impossible to estimate an accurate time of arrival. This problem could be overcome by arriving at the destination point before daybreak. Pilot error during letdown resulted in the overheating of the AC generator.

4. FLIGHT PLANNING. For navigation, two stars were used exclusively for the first two hours of flight to give alternate speed and course lines. Doubt as to sextant error could have been erased earlier by selecting stars with opposite azimuths for both speed and course lines.

5. ON DETACHMENT. The most suitable working place was our own BOQ room, which proved satisfactory in respect to security and quietness.

6. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. No problems were encountered in this area, but one improvement is suggested. During hours of darkness it is easier to fit the pilots parachute and life jacket inside where adequate light is available. This technique has the added advantage of reducing the time the pilot spends out in the cold air and so cuts down the possibility of face plate misting. The extra time the pilot carries the parachute does not cancel out the advantage of this technique.

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7. SECURITY. The only security problem was that of re-entry into the USA. There documentation was inadequate since no stamps of previous entry or exit were in the passport. General JACKSON security on [ ] seemed good.

8. SUMMARY OF SUGGESTIONS:

- (a) Further thought be paid to personnel documentation.
- (b) Choice of star for celestial use be revised.
- (c) Timing of ferry flights be revised.
- (d) JACKSON personnel fit life-jacket parachute combination before leaving enclosed lighted area.

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